

# **Warwick School Committee Minutes**

## **Open Session**

**Meeting of August 2, 2007**

**The Warwick School Committee met in Open Session at the Administration building on Thursday, August 2, 2007.**

**Vice-Chairperson Mota-Costa called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. with the following in attendance:**

### **COMMITTEE**

**Lucille Mota-Costa, Vice Chair**

**Bethany Furtado, Clerk**

**Paul Cannistra**

### **ADMINISTRATION**

**Peter J. Horoschak, Superintendent**

**Victor Mercurio, Director of Secondary Education**

**Robert T. Bushell, Director of Elementary Education**

**Richard D'Agostino, Director Special Services**

**Rosemary Healey, Esq., Director of Compliance & Human Resources**

**MOTION 2007-232: Moved by Ms. Furtado, seconded by Ms. Mota-Costa, to go into closed session for discussion and/or action regarding those items of business exempt from open meetings under General Laws of Rhode Island 42-46-5(a)(1) and (a)(2).**

**MOTION PASSES (3-0)**

**Christopher Friel - absent Lucille Mota-Costa - Aye**

**Joyce L. Andrade – absent Bethany Furtado – Aye**

**Paul Cannistra - Aye**

**Meeting reconvened at 5:21p.m.**

**Christopher Friel, Chairperson present**

**Professional Personnel Items:**

**Appointments:**

**MOTION 2007-233: Moved by Ms. Mota-Costa, seconded by Mrs. Furtado, that the appointment of Robert W. Dooley, Food Service/Investment Manager, be approved.**

**MOTION PASSES (4-0)**

**Christopher Friel - Aye Lucille Mota-Costa - Aye**

**Joyce L. Andrade – Absent Bethany Furtado – Aye**

**Paul Cannistra - Aye**

**MOTION 2007-234: Moved by Ms. Mota-Costa, seconded by Mrs. Furtado, that the appointment of Michelle Paton, principal, Sherman Elementary School, step 3 of the administrative salary scale, be approved, pending receipt of state and national BCI.**

**MOTION PASSES (4-0)**

**Christopher Friel - Aye Lucille Mota-Costa - Aye**

**Joyce L. Andrade – Absent Bethany Furtado – Aye**

**Paul Cannistra - Aye**

**MOTION 2007-235: Moved by Mrs. Furtado, seconded by Mr. Cannistra, that the appointment of Mary Caporelli, principal, Gorton Jr. High School, step 3 of the administrative salary scale, be approve, pending receipt of state and national BCI.**

**MOTION PASSES (4-0)**

**Christopher Friel - Aye      Lucille Mota-Costa - Aye**

**Joyce L. Andrade – Absent      Bethany Furtado – Aye**

**Paul Cannistra - Aye**

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**MOTION 2007-236: Moved by Ms. Mota-Costa, seconded by Mrs. Furtado, that the appointment of Daniel Yates-Berg, science teacher, category 1, step 9, be approved, pending receipt of state and national BCI; and that the appointment of Lauren Kashmanian, science teacher, category 1, step 2, be approved, pending declination of appointment and pending receipt of state and national BCI.**

**MOTION PASSES (4-0)**

**Christopher Friel – Aye      Lucille Mota-Costa – Aye**

**Joyce L. Andrade – Absent      Bethany Furtado – Aye**

**Paul Cannistra – Aye**

**Leaves of absence:**

**MOTION 2007-237: Moved by Ms. Furtado, seconded by Ms. Mota-Costa, that the request for parental leave by Meghan Strough, elementary teacher at Hoxsie, be approved, effective for the first semester of the 2007-2008 school year; and that the request for unrestricted leave by Maryann Gribbin, elementary teacher at Wickes, be approved effective for the 2007-2008 school year.**

**MOTION PASSES (4-0)**

**Christopher Friel - Aye      Lucille Mota-Costa - Aye**

**Joyce L. Andrade – Absent      Bethany Furtado – Aye**

**Paul Cannistra - Aye**

**Resignations:**

**MOTION 2007-238: Moved by Mr. Cannistra, seconded by Mrs. Furtado, that the resignation of Matthew Eisenhower, social studies teacher at Winman, be accepted effective July 20, 2007; that the resignation of S. Ariana Nadir, special educator at Gorton, be accepted effective August 25, 2007; and that the resignation of Donna Zanneli, School Based Graduation by Proficiency Coordinator at Warwick Veterans, be accepted effective July 30, 2007.**

**MOTION PASSES (4-0)**

**Christopher Friel - Aye      Lucille Mota-Costa - Aye**

**Joyce L. Andrade – Absent      Bethany Furtado – Aye**

**Paul Cannistra - Aye**

**Additional Teacher Assistant Positions:** Richard D'Agostino requested additional teacher assistants. Two of these positions are the result of IEP meetings which resulted in students' half-time teaching assistants' support being increased to full time. The third position is the result of moving a preschool program at Crayons into Cedar Hill. This teacher is already funded by the Warwick Schools. The fourth position is for an elementary student whose tenure was suppose to be temporary but the student will be remaining in Warwick.

**MOTION 2007-239:** Moved by Ms. Mota-Costa, seconded by Mrs. Furtado, to approve the additional teacher assistant positions.

**MOTION PASSES (4-0)**

**Christopher Friel - Aye      Lucille Mota-Costa - Aye**

**Joyce L. Andrade – Absent      Bethany Furtado – Aye**

**Paul Cannistra - Aye**

**Bids:**

**MOTION 2007-340:** Moved by Ms. Mota-Costa, seconded by Mrs. Furtado, that the bid for computer memory upgrade be awarded to CDWG in the amount of \$15,420 as per bid tabulation.

**MOTION PASSES (4-0)**

**Christopher Friel - Aye      Lucille Mota-Costa - Aye**

**Joyce L. Andrade – Absent      Bethany Furtado – Aye**

**Paul Cannistra - Aye**

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**MOTION 2007-341: Moved by Mr. Cannistra, seconded by Mrs. Furtado, to approve riding the State (3) Year RFP on Art/Office Supplies and School Products, as per the memorandum.**

**MOTION PASSES (4-0)**

**Christopher Friel - Aye      Lucille Mota-Costa - Aye**

**Joyce L. Andrade – Absent      Bethany Furtado – Aye**

**Paul Cannistra - Aye**

**MOTION 2007-342: Moved by Mr. Cannistra, seconded by Mrs. Furtado, to adjourn the meeting.**

**MOTION PASSES (4-0)**

**Christopher Friel - Aye      Lucille Mota-Costa - Aye**

**Joyce L. Andrade – Absent      Bethany Furtado – Aye**

**Paul Cannistra - Aye**

**Meeting adjourned: 5:35 p.m.**

**Bethany Furtado, Clerk**

**Betsey Snipes, Secretary**